PAYT Meeting Minutes
Called to order at 7pm on 2/25/21

In Attendance: Tom Darling, Jackie Jackson, Laurie Bent, David Ayer, Julia Greene, Phil Saunders, Elisabeth DiPietro
Guests: Debbie Slotpole, Julie Hyde

Audience Comments/ Questions:
Julie Hyde – Plastic bag collection program

Debbie Slotpole – Black Earth Compost Program?  How much?  What happens if we open the transfer to all residents (no sticker model)

Julia Greene – How are costs measured for Black Earth (Tipping + Hauling)?  How does it compare to trash costs?  According to Jackie – Black Earth is $15 per barrel (averaging 200lb per 64 gallon barrel) = $150 per ton.  Trash is $70/ton Tipping and $440 hauling per 100yd container.  Tom- previous modeling work estimated $30-35 in hauling costs.

Laurie- Plastic recycle is interesting but outside of the scope of PAYT

Approve Minutes
Phil – Motion to Approve the Minutes of 1/19/21 meeting.  Tom-Second
Motion passes with unanimous approval.

Jackie- TS Update
Black Earth successful/popular
19 wks, average 728 lbs per week, 5 bins per week.
Concern over costs
Some fluctuations with # of days between pick up and vacation/snow days, etc.
Black Earth re-negotiate?
Other vendors beginning to offer curbside composting (Orifice)

Weight compost/ Trash Measurement:
Members volunteered to measure compost and trash over the prior month

Debbie Slotpole
Trash = ~7-8lbs per week
Compost =4-5 gal compost per week ~10lbs/wk
35-40% Compost rate

Tom
Compost = ~300lbs/yr or 24lbs per month
Weston trash average (excluding bulky waste) is  120lbs per month
~20% Compost rate

Laurie
46.4lbs wet compost / mo
58.8lbs trash +compost
~80% Compost rate

Take away: Compost is highly variable by household based on multiple underlying factors (pets, children, food preference, etc.) In aggregate compost can be a material amount of trash.

Laurie - PowerPoint presentation
Tom: Focus on mutually agreeable items, vibrant transfer station option, equity of cost, etc.
Liz: Bags have to work...
Phil - add towns to PAYT example
David – Need bag choices and places to get them
Sell bags on Amazon?
Waste Zero as bag vendor?
Suggest reducing trash 20% in year 1 on Macro tab of model – impact of PAYT.

Targeting presentation at the March Select Board Meeting.

Should PAYT Committee carry forward or should a new implementation committee be formed if Select Board votes to pursue PAYT?

Set next PAYT meeting for 3/11/21 at 7pm